



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK™
OCTOBER 20-24, 2003

WHEREAS, working women constitute 66 million of the nation's work force and strive to serve their communities, their states and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses account for 28 percent of all U.S. business, generating \$1.15 trillion in sales; and

WHEREAS, the major goals of Business and Professional Women/USA are to promote equality for all women and to help create better conditions for working women through the study of social, educational, economic and political problems; and

WHEREAS, for 75 years Business and Professional Women/USA has been spotlighting the achievements and contributions of working women during National Business Women's Week, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Federation of Business and Professional Women have been supporting working women in this state since 1919;

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I hereby proclaim October 20-24, 2003, **NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK™** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State